Delhi Administration inspected 1179 petrol pumps during the period from 1.1.86 to 31.10.86. Out of this, 48 petrol pumps were found giving short delivery ranging from 20 ml to 150 ml in a measure of 5 ltrs. The names of these petrol pumps are given in the attached statement. [See Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 29]

(c) Legal action against the dealers has been initiated by the Weights & Measures Wing of the Delhi Administration.

Action against M/s. Fulford Company

709. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has dismissed the writ petition filed by M/s. Fulford Company against the amount demanded by Government under the Drugs Equalisation Fund Account;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Court ordered to deposit Rs. 1.95 crores in DPEA;

(c) whether this amount has been deposited by the Company; and

(d) if so, when it was deposited and if not, what action has been taken by Government to realise the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The stay granted by Delhi High Court to M/s. Fulford India Ltd. against the notice for recovery of Rs. 194.62 lakhs in the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account was vacated by the High Court in August, 1986.

(b) After the vacation of the stay, it is open to the Government to recover the amount in accordance with the due process of law.

(c) and (d) Since the company have not so far deposited the amount due into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account, Collector, Bombay has been asked to collect the amount due as arrears of land revenue.

Multinational Drug Companies

710. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express of 16th July, 1986 captioned "Drug MNCs spend more for boosting sale";

(b) if so, what was the annual sales turn over of ten leading multinational drug companies during the last three years, year-wise; and what was the sales promotion expenses of each and what was its percentage to total expenses during the same period;

(c) whether it is a fact that major expenses are on the sales promotion of useless medicines such as tonics, lozenges, vapotubs, ointments and vitamin preparations; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to limit these expenses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Normally drug companies do not maintain expenses under separate head 'Promotional expenses'. However, details to the extent available in respect of 10 companies having some measure of foreign equity are given in the attached Statement. [See Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 30]

Promotional expenses are not maintained product-wise and such expenses form a part of mark-up which is allowed under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order.